

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 879

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cheryl A. Hickmon,
recently inducted National President of the Delta
Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Cheryl A. Hickmon, an exemplary person and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, President Hickmon was a 1984 graduate of South Carolina State University, where she was inducted into the Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, which was chartered at the university on May 12, 1934; she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Biology; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a Black Greek Letter Organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women; and

WHEREAS, President Hickmon was a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta from 1982, serving in a host of capacities at the chapter, region, and national levels before being elected national president; and

WHEREAS, a Golden Life member, President Hickmon was most recently a member of the Hartford Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. In her decades of commitment to Delta Sigma Theta, she was the epitome of the sorority's pillars of sisterhood, scholarship, and service to the greater community; she served in various executive leadership capacities, including as Regional Director for the Eastern Region of Delta Sigma Theta, Regional Representative of the South Atlantic Region, and co-chair on various internally created task forces; and

WHEREAS, immediately prior to her induction as the twenty-seventh president of Delta Sigma Theta, President Hickmon served as the first-vice president of the organization from 2017 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, President Hickmon is remembered not only for her role as a leader but for being a colleague, friend, and, most of all, sister; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hickmon leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Cheryl A. Hickmon, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of President Hickmon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.